

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of providing a surface of a material with an image, the method comprising applying to the surface an image sheet comprised of
 - (i) a flexible layer of a Shape Memory Polymer ~~(or like material)~~, and
 - (ii) an image bonded to said layer by means of an image key coat,and bonding said image sheet to the surface by means of an adhesive and a process which involves heating of the Shape Memory Polymer ~~(or like material)~~ to a temperature above its Glass Transition Temperature.
2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the material is flexible.
3. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the material is leather, a textile material or a synthetic plastics material.
4. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 3 wherein the material is leather.
5. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the Shape Memory Polymer SMP has a T_g value of 25-45°C.
6. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the SMP-Shape Memory Polymer layer has a thickness of 20 to 60 microns.
7. (Previously presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the image key coat comprises an adhesive or an adhesion promoter.

8. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 7 wherein an ink receptive layer is provided between the image and the layer of the adhesive or adhesion promoter providing the image key coat.

9. (Currently amended) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the adhesive for bonding the image sheet to the material is a heat activated adhesive which is activated at a temperature 2-3° lower than the Glass Transition Temperature of the SMP-Shape Memory Polymer layer.